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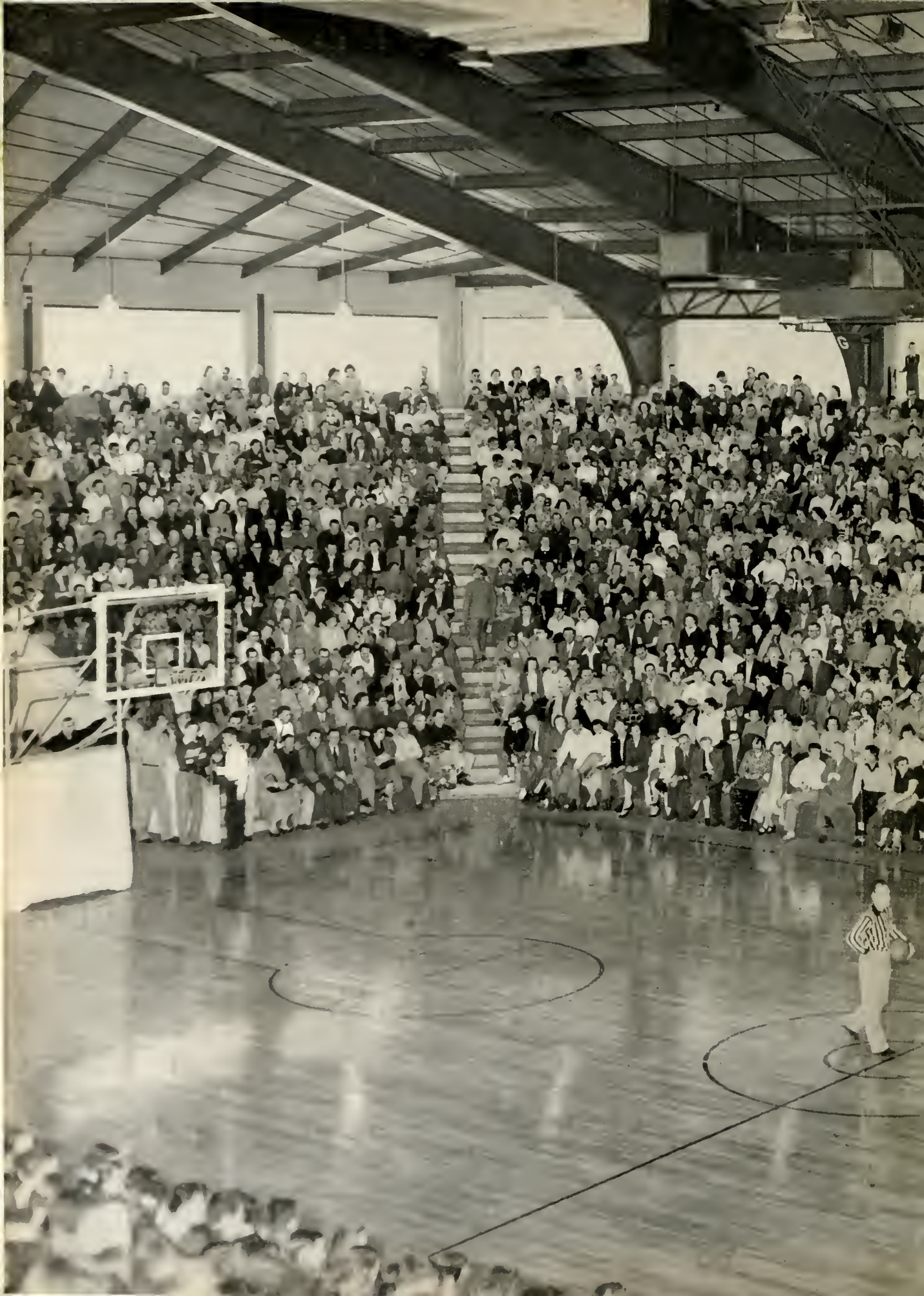

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Moments to Remember

Retrospect

1956

UPPER LEFT: Mr. Ulmer, Mr. Compton, and Mr. McNown talk over teaching problems before the bell rings.

UPPER RIGHT: "Fitz" shows the speech class how to bake a cake.
LEFT: Gibson informs Shafer of the correct time.

LOWER LEFT: "Rock" Ulmer and Judy Guthrie are the center of attention as they dance to a fast record.

LOWER RIGHT: Virgil smiles proudly over his Football Triumph Trophy.

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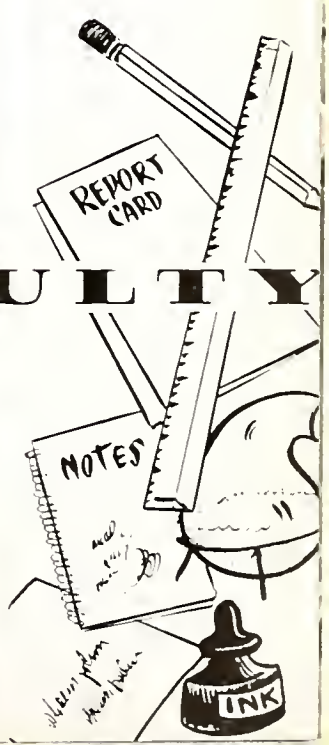
The school bell summoned everyone back for another year,

FACULTY



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As you open this Retrospect, the scene of the Sectional Tourney jumps out at you. Thrilling, exciting, and many other adjectives may be used to describe this event, but when you see the actual scene, it brings back memories. We hope that this Retrospect will help you remember your high school days, the most wonderful days of your life. So sit down in the school desk and put yourself in the shoes of your high school days, your "Moments To Remember!"

Dr. H. D. Brickley, who has served on the board fifteen years, is one of the leading physicians in our town. He is president of the school board.

Mr. John H. Edris, a lawyer in the law firm of Edris and Edris, is greatly interested in the education of youth. He serves as treasurer of the school board.

the new faces as well as the old.

Mr. Craven Emshwiller, a tax accountant, is serving his first year on the board. He is the secretary of the school board.

Mr. Willey, Superintendent

Another school year has been completed and your high school graduation is the beginning of a new experience. We have high hopes for your future and know that your high school experience has given you the knowledge and courage to meet the demands of this changing world.

Mr. Park, Principal

With graduation from high school the members of the Class of 1956 have passed another milestone in their journey through life. It is hoped that those experiences you had in high school will enable you to continue to assume your responsibilities to your community.

For some of us it was the beginning of our final year,

Secretaries

Mrs. Rix and Mrs. Dotterer carry on the necessary office work. Tardy slips, telephone calls, and school records fill their days. These two busy people are always ready with a smile and a helping hand.

Mary E. Beitler

B.S., M.S., Ball State Teachers College; English and Girls' Physical Education; G.A.A. Sponsor; Assistant Class Play Director; Junior Class Sponsor.

Robert N. Bennett

B.M., Butler University; Commerce; Ticket Chairman; Junior Class Sponsor.

Lois S. Bodkin

A.B., Indiana State Teachers College; Latin and English; Latin Club Sponsor; Assistant Class Play Director; Senior Class Sponsor.

and for others it was a new exciting experience long to be remembered.

Ralph Broman

A.B., Ball State Teachers College; Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry; Senior Class Sponsor.

Genevieve Christian

B.S., M.S., Ball State Teachers College; Library Science; Assistant Director of Dramatics; Sponsor of Student Librarians.

Leroy Z. Compton

B.S., Butler University; M.S., Indiana University; Boys' Physical Education and Driver Training; Basketball and Baseball Coach; Junior Class Sponsor.

Beverley Conwell

B.M., Indiana University; Vocal Music; Director of Girls' Chorus and Boys' Glee.

Evelyn G. Crownover

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Vocational Home Economics; Y-Teen Sponsor.

We were confident of ourselves

Eugene Edington

B.S., M.S., Ball State Teachers College; Biology and Driver Training; Intramural Basketball Sponsor; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Jane Elsmere

B.S., Manchester College; English and Speech; Quill and Scroll Sponsor; Retrospect Advisor; Freshman Class Sponsor.

Herbert E. Hoffman

B.S., M.S., Purdue University; Social Science and Driver Training; Football and Track Coach; Freshman Basketball Coach; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Joseph F. Larmore

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Industrial Arts; Assistant Football Coach; Official Timer; Freshman Class Sponsor.

Edwin R. McNown

A.B., Indiana University; English and Social Science; Director of Dramatics; Sponsor of Thespian Society; Junior Class Sponsor.

under the keen supervision of our faculty

Harold Pettyjohn

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Mathematics; Sponsor of Math Club; Senior Class Sponsor.

Margaret Powers

A.B., DePauw University; Commerce; Sponsor of the National Honor Society; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

J. Robert Schlatter

B.M., M.S., Indiana University; Instrumental Music; Director of Marching and Concert Bands.

Lawrence E. Templin

B.S., Manchester College; Industrial Arts; Director of Athletics and Intramural Program; Senior Class Sponsor.

Lloyd A. Ulmer

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Social Science; Hi-Y Sponsor; Freshman Class Sponsor.

who with patience gave us courage and guidance

Mary E. Wallace

B.S., Ball State Teachers College; Art; Dabbler Sponsor.

James E. Woolsey

B.S., Purdue University; Vocational Agriculture Future Farmers of America; Sponsor of Sophomore Class.

UPPER LEFT: Mr. Emshwiller helps by announcing at the home ball games.

UPPER RIGHT: The Crownovers and the Ulmers enjoy the Y-Teen Banquet.

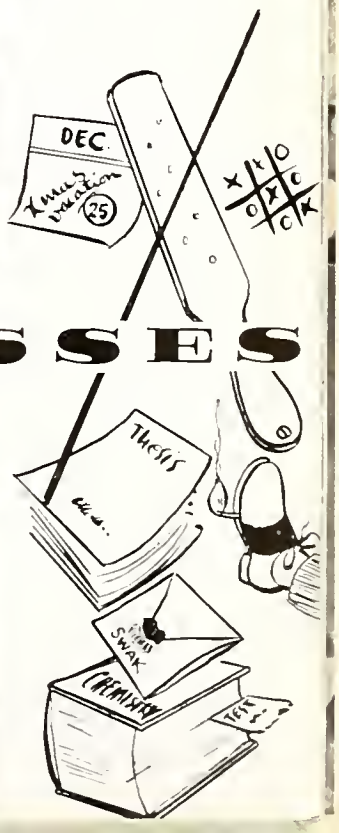
LEFT: Mr. McNown gives Mary Elston and Karen Santon some helpful hints.

LOWER LEFT: The janitors, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Witzman, are busy preparing for the Sectional.

LOWER RIGHT: The bus drivers pose in a bus just before the dismissal bell rings. Left to right: Mr. Huffman, Mr. Schlagenhauf, Mr. Lockwood, and Mr. Murray. Not pictured, Mr. Neuenschwander.

to meet any problems, small or great.

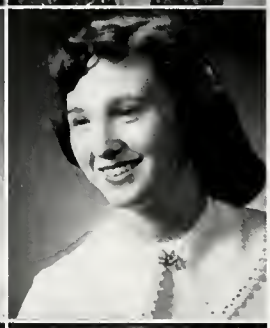
CLASSES



DONNA ALBERSON
She is known to her friends as "Albie." Her job right now is working at the candy counter in the dime store, but after graduation she would like to get a job doing office work. General course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; G.A.A. 1,2,3.

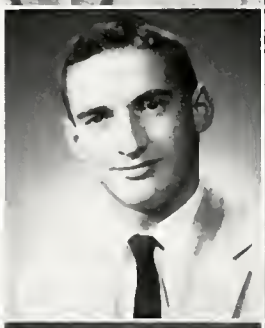
RICHARD ALEXANDER
Horseback riding is Dick's hobby. After graduation he is planning to study agriculture at Purdue. He has been active in the field of agriculture all during high school. General course. F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, conductor 3, sec. 4; Wrestling 3; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, Jr. Leader 3.

BERNARD ARNOLD
Everyone around school calls him Ben. His favorite pastime is bowling. He will either join the navy or attend art school after graduation. General course. Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Wrestling 3; Intramural Basketball 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4.



IRIS AUGUST
"Ris" would like to study to be an airline hostess at Gale Institute. Her hobby is bowling and during her junior year she was a member of an intramural bowling team. She also enjoys baby sitting. General course. Y-Teens 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Comet 4.

IVAN BEER
During high school his main interests have been in the field of agriculture and he has participated in many of the F.F.A. activities. His future plans include farming or factory work. Vocational Agricultural course. F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, pres. 3; Student Council 3; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4.



FRED BOOTH
Fred says everyone calls him "Speed." For the last several months he has been working at Farling's Supermarket, but next fall he will be headed for the U.S. Navy. His hobbies are race cars and roller skating. General course. Wrestling 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3.

NANCY BOWMAN
"Nan" is noted for being full of pep and energy. Roller skating and collecting records are her favorite pastimes. In the future she would like to get a job in an office. General course. Comet 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; G.A.A. 2, 3.

ROGER BRACHT
He has been working at the Phillips Station for the past several months. Roger says he doesn't have any definite plans yet for after graduation, but he will think of something. General course. Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

Football concessions, dances,

JANICE BURROUGHS
"Jan" is headed for Ball State Teachers College where she plans to major in home economics and education. General course. National Honor Society 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Glee Club 1; Mixed Chorus 2; Class vice-pres. 1, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Retrospect scribe.

JAY BROWER
During his sophomore year Jay moved to Bluffton from Dayton, Ohio. He is interested in business administration and will either go to college or work at Franklin Electric next fall. General course. Comet 4; Junior play; Mixed Chorus 3; Basketball 2; Football 3, 4; Track 3; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

LINDA BROWN
She has enjoyed student teaching at the Central Grade School and would like to prepare for a teaching career. Linda says she is always ready to yell for our basketball team. General course. Comet 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 3, 4; Cheer Leader 2; G.A.A. 1, 2.

ANN CARNALL
Called "Annie" at B. H. S., she has majored in home economics during high school. After graduation a year of work is first on the agenda, and then perhaps college. General course. Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Cheer Block 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4.

BETSY CARNALL
Elementary teaching beckons "Bet" to the campus of Indiana University next fall. General course. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4, pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4, co-captain 4; Thespian 3, 4, sec. 4; G.A.A. 1; Retrospect literary editor; English Contest 4.

DONNA CROSBIE
She is known to many as "Bones." She has shown much interest in the field of nursing, and so next year we will find her at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. General course. Retrospect scribe. Latin Club 2; Senior play student director; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2.

RICHARD DEAM
Although his name is Richard, he has always been known to us as "Pete." As captain of a team he has been active in intramural basketball this year and enjoys it very much. General course. Basketball 1; Football 1; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4, captain 4.

PHYLLIS DORRANCE
"Phyl" has long been an Eddie Fisher fan. She is excited about her future plans which include study at Heidelberg College and then elementary teaching. General course. Retrospect scribe; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, treas. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4.

JERRY CHRISTIANSON
He is known to all for his drawing ability shown especially around Sectional time in his character sketches of the basketball team members. He is joining the air force after graduation. General Industrial Arts course. F.F.A. 4; Football 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4; Art Club 1, 2.

CAROLYN CROY
Carolyn's favorite pastime is playing the piano. She is now working part-time in the office of the News Banner, and plans to continue working there after graduation. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4.

JUDY DEMING
Known as "Duj" to everyone, we find her interested in skating, dancing, and swimming. She will take nurse's training at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. General course. Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, sec. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3; G.A.A. 1, 2.

MARY ELSTON
Next fall we will find "Elstie" on the campus of Ball State where she will major in business. Retrospect scribe; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor society 4; Latin Club 4, praetor 4; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Mixed Chorus 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1.

senior class play, cream cords,

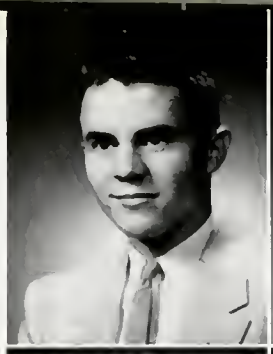
JOSEPH EMSHWILLER
This busy lad will attend college next fall. Academic course. Retrospect sports editor; Comet 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, treas. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, captain 4; Thespian 3, 4; Senior Rotarian.

JOHN FITZPATRICK
It's business at I. U. for "Fitz." Academic course. Retrospect sports editor; National Honor Society 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Senior play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, chaplain 3, pres. 4; Student Council 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Class pres. 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Rotarian; Hoosier Boys' State.

DAVID FLOWERS
Everybody knows that "Posey's" hobby is athletics. Now he is a gas pump jockey but plans to attend Academic course. Retrospect sports editor; National Honor Society 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Student Council 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Class pres. 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; State Scholastic Contests 1, 2; Senior Rotarian; National Merit Scholarship test 4.

DON FOREMAN
Flying is Don's hobby and he made his first solo flight last September. After commencement he will either join the air force or do road construction work. General course. Student Council 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, sentinel 2; 4-H 1.

ROBERT FRANZE
Bob is well-known around Bluffton High School for his musical ability. Everyone likes to listen to him play his trombone. Besides music, he is interested in motorcycles and hunting. General course. Intramural basketball 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; vice-pres. 4.

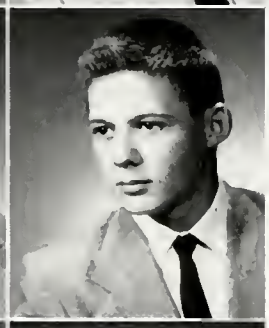


BERNICE GAISER
To her friends she is known as "Bunny." During her senior year she transferred to Bluffton High School from Cemetic High School in Southwest Harbor, Maine. After graduation she will continue to be a homemaker and also plans to take a beautician's course. General course.

DOROTHY GASS
Dort has a secretary's job in view after completing school. She has always been one of the most faithful members of the band. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4, sec. 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, treas. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, sec-treas. 4; Class sec. 2, treas. 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; Thespian 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, pres. 3; D. A. R. Award; Psi Ote Ring; Hoosier Girls' State; Retrospect business manager.

JAMES GEELS
A member of the 1955 undefeated football team, Jim was voted honorary captain at the end of the season. He is planning on attending college but is not sure where. General course. Comet 4; Science Club 2; Senior play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Senior Rotarian.

ROBERT GELOW
Bob is headed for the navy. To be an electronics technician is his ambition and so after his hitch with Uncle Sam he would like to go to school in Chicago. Sounds like a great career! General course. Wrestling 1, 2, 3.



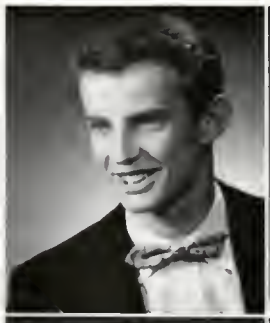
JACK GREGG
After commencement he will probably heed his country's call by joining the U.S. Navy. After finishing this service he is considering additional schooling. Academic course. Baseball 1, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4, captain 4.

SANDRA GROH
Sandy sounds like a future homemaker, because she says her hobbies are cooking and baking. She also likes to travel. Her future plans include a secretarial job. General course. Comet 4; Cheer Block 3, 4.

KEITH GROVE
Called "Grovie" around the halls of Allen High, his main interests lie in athletics. He will join the army soon after graduation, but has no specific plans beyond that. General course. Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3, 4.

commencement announcements, caps and gowns,

WILLIAM HALL
"Kit" moved to Bluffton from Rome City for his senior year and soon made a place for himself here. Boat racing and water skiing are his hobbies. He is planning to study aeronautical engineering at Purdue. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; Latin Club 4; Hi-Y 4; Intramural Basketball 4; Track 4.



JOHN HARNESS
Working at the G. C. Murphy Company after school and on Saturdays, John finds little time for fishing, his favorite recreation. His future plans may include further schooling. General course. Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

DONALD HIGGINS
Better known as "Hig," he has the next few years of his future all mapped out. He plans to go into the army in July. General Industrial Arts course. Comet 4; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

VIVIAN HILL
"Viv" will be looking for secretarial work after she finishes high school. She has been very busy typing the Retrospect copy and has done a fine job. General course. Retrospect typist; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4; State Latin Contest 1; English Contest 4.

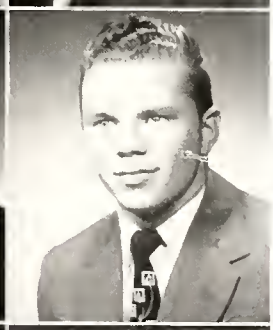
STEVEN HINESLEY
Although he lives in town, Steve has been interested in farming and has been active in the various F. F. A. projects. So far he is undecided about his future plans. Vocational Agriculture course. Hi-Y 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, sentinel 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4.

NONDES HOLLOWAY
Noted for her artistic ability, she has applied her talent to many school activities. She will attend art school next fall. General course. Retrospect staff; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2, scribe 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2, 3, 4, sec. 3, pres. 4.

CAROLYN HUFFMAN
After working a year following graduation, she would like to attend nurses' training. In her freshman year one of her posters was entered in the National District Art Contest. General course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3.

JACK HUSS
He says his nickname is "Tug." He supervised the decoration of the Christmas tree during his senior year. After school is out, he plans to join the air force. General course. Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1; Football manager 1, 2, 4; Track 2; Wrestling 2, 3; Tennis 2; Intramural 4.

BEVERLY INSKEEP
"Bev" has several different interests—rhythm and blues music, and letter writing. She would like to take nurses' training at St. Joseph's Hospital and later specialize in surgery. General course. Comet 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



VIRGIL KAHN
"Virg" is small but mighty. He was winner of the Football Triumph Trophy last spring. After finishing school, he will join the army. Then he would like to be a machinist. General course. Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

BEN KING
As a cheerleader he has helped raise many cheers for the Bluffton ball teams this year. After commencement Ben plans to go to trade school. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Band 1, 2, 3; Cheer Leader 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

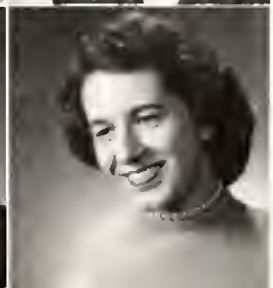
ESTHER KNEUSS
This summer we will find Esther working as a car hop at Macy's Root Beer Stand. In the fall she plans to attend Comptometer School in Fort Wayne. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; Junior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4.

and diplomas, together with

JOHN KRINN
His hobbies are taking care of horses and horseback riding. He plans to farm after graduation. Participation in agricultural activities in school have led to this decision. General course. F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, treas. 3; 4-H 1, 2.

RICHARD LAUTZENHEISER
He is better known around school as Dick. In the spring he may be found on the baseball diamond where he has helped the team on to many victories. He wants to work for awhile and then join the armed forces. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 4.

DONALD LOCKWOOD
Next fall we will find Don at Manchester College studying to be a high school teacher and coach. Don's scoring has always been an asset to our basketball team. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, sergeant-at-arms 4; Student Council 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, Jr. leader 1, 2; Senior Rotarian.



CAROLYN McFARREN
Flashbulb photography is her hobby and "Micky" is her nickname. She wants to further her education at Huntington College and then do secretarial work. Commercial course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4.

DIANA MADDUX
Here is another girl who plans to be an elementary teacher. She will attend Manchester College. She is an enthusiastic sports' fan. Academic course. Retrospect literary editor; Comet 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Junior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sports head 4; Art Club 1, 2; Jr. Town Meeting 4; National Merit Scholarship test 4.

FRANKIE MARSHMAN
We find her now working at the Clinic Hospital as a switchboard operator. Later she plans to attend Ball State to study home economics which she wants to teach. Vocational Home Economics course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, vice-pres. 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4.

SARA LEE MYERS
Here is another future nurse from B.H.S. The Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis will be her home for the next three years. Academic course. Retrospect associate editor; Comet 2, 3, 4, business manager 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Junior play; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1; Thespian 3, 4, vice-pres. 4; 4-H 1, 2, pres. 2.

STEPHEN NEWELL
Even though Steve moved to Bluffton from Tiffin, Ohio, at the start of his junior year, he soon became active in school life. To become a civil engineer is his ambition. General course. Football 3, 4; Track 3; Intramural Basketball 4.

HARRY MARSHALL
He is now working part-time at Franklin Electric, but he is in the dark about his future plans. Harry says his main interest is motorcycles. General course. Junior play; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; Wrestling 1, 2, 3.

CHARLES MYERS
He is often called "Chad." After graduating from high school Chad will go into the armed forces. He is not sure which branch of the service he will join. Chad likes guns and so enjoyed participating in the Rifle Club. General course. Rifle Club 3, treas. 3.

CAROLYN NEFF
Usually known around school as "Neffie," she is all set to take elementary teaching at Hanover College. General course. Retrospect associate business manager; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, pres. 4; Student Council 4, sec. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Thespian 4.

CAROLYN NEUENSCHWANDER
She says she is known to some people as "Dutchie." Although she is not certain what the future may hold in store for her, she thinks she would like to have a secretarial job. General course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 2, 3, 4.

memories of fun, laughter,

CHARLES OSBORN
He is known to most of us as "Charlie." He spends most of his spare time taking tickets, selling popcorn, and ushering at the Grand Theater. After graduation he plans to join the Marines. General course, Hi-Y 2, 3, 4.

BARBARA PENROD
Bowling is her favorite pastime and during her junior year she received a medal for being one of the top five G.A.A. bowlers. Commercial course. Art Club 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, reporter 1, sec. 2, vice-pres. 3; G.A.A. bowling 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4.

DON PACE
"Donnie" is his nickname. He has many hobbies but believes that fishing is his favorite hobby. He is not fully decided as to what he will do after graduation but says he will find something interesting. General course.

EDRUAN PORTER
During her high school days Edruan has worked hard in her commercial subjects preparing herself in the business field. After graduation she plans to obtain an office job. Commercial course. Cheer Block 3, 4.

JAMES RHODES
One of the busiest people in B.H.S., Jim will attend Beloit College. General Course. Retro. ed.; Comet 2, 3, 4, ed. 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; Natl. Honor Soc. 3, 4, Pres. 4; Latin Club 2, 3, 4, consul 4; Science Club 2; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, treas. 3; Stud. Coun. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class ath. coun. 1; Vice-pres. 2; Football 1; Baseball mgr. 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Thesp. 3, 4; State Lat. Cont. 1, 2; Sr. Rot. Natl. Sch. test 4; Rot. Speech Cont. 3.

JULIA ROMINE
"Judy" has been another busy typist of Retrospect copies. She will attend International Business College in Ft. Wayne. Beyond that, her future plans are not completely definite, but probably will include secretarial work. Commercial course. Retrospect typist; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOSEPH RUSH
He will take care of his military obligations by joining the navy after graduation. Hunting and fishing are Joe's favorite hobbies during his spare time. General course. Mixed Chorus 1; Wrestling 1; Intramural Basketball 1; Art Club 3.

GERALD SCHAEFER
"Archie" is often heard pounding away on his drums down in the band room. Drums are his main interest and he has been active in the band. He will soon be a "leatherneck" in the Marines. General course. Retrospect scribe; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, president 4; Rifle Club 3, vice-president 3.

DONNA SUE RIGGLE
Her nickname is "Wiggles." After finishing high school she plans to attend Indiana University. She says she will study to be an English teacher. Just before her sophomore year she moved here from Deer Creek, Indiana. General course. Y-Teens 4; Cheer Block 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4.

RICHARD ROSS
Uncle Sam has Dick's future mapped out for the next few years. Dick will enlist in the air force upon completion of high school. General Industrial Arts course. Comet 4; Junior play 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4, captain 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Art Club 1.

KAREN SANTON
Nursing has been Karen's ambition for many years. She has hurried this along by being a nurse's aide at the Clinic Hospital during high school. General course. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 4; Junior play prompter; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3; Glee Club 1; Class treas. 1, 2, 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1.

RICHARD SCHMIDT
Another very active "BHS-er," Dick has made plans to study business administration at Ball State. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Jr. play; Sr. play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, sec. 3, vice-pres. 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2; Class pres. 2, vice-pres. 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4, captain 4; Sr. Rotarian.

and hard work, made up our senior year at B. H. S.

ALLAN SCOTT
A powerhouse on our football teams, "Al" has marched down the football field for many touchdowns. He plans to take physical education in college. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Intramural Basketball 4.

LARRY SCOTT
Larry really made a path for himself when he drove down the basketball floor. He will join the army after graduation. When finished with his tour of duty he will farm. Vocational Agriculture course. F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; 4-H 1, 2.

ELEANOR SCOTT
It sounds more natural to hear her called "Shod." Academic course. Retrospect literary ed.; Comet 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3; Quill and Scroll 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Sr. play student director; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Student Coun. 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class sec. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2; Thespian 3, 4, treas. 4; 4-H 1; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; State Scholastic Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; National Merit Scholarship test 4.

ANITA SHEETS
Elementary teaching is Anita's goal. She will enter Ball State Teachers College next fall. Commercial course. Retrospect typist; Comet 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4, co-captain 4; Thespian 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 3.

JOHN SMEKENS
The U. S. Navy will take care of John's career for the next few years. Maybe he will see the world! He tells us that cars are his hobby. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Class athletic councilman 3; Art Club 1; Intramural Basketball 3.

TOM SNIDER
Tom is an enthusiastic member of the band. First he played a baritone, but now he has temporarily switched to a sousaphone. His future plans are not yet definite. General Industrial Arts course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; Rifle Club 3.

JANICE SPROWL HARNISH
Janice is a loyal Y-Teen member. She rarely misses a meeting. She is very interested in commercial work and plans in the future to be a homemaker and later a secretary. Commercial course. Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARTHA SUTTON
She has several hobbies which lean toward the domestic side—cooking, sewing, and writing letters. Her plans after graduation are not difinite. She will probably help on the farm or get a job as a typist. General course.

BARBARA SMELTZER
"Barb" has been preparing for secretarial work all during high school. After graduation she will begin working along that line. She really yells for Bluffton at all the ball games. Commercial course; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4;

WILMA SPENCER
At the start of her senior year Wilma moved here from Monticello. She won the Betty Crocker "Homemaker of Tomorrow" contest in our school. Her hobbies are piano, organ, and ball games. Commercial course. Glee Club accompanist 4; Cheer Block 4.

DOROTHY STOGDILL
Her nickname might be classed as unusual—"Moggie." She will soon be found at Gale Institute, for she is interested in the field of airline communications. She collects records by the Four Freshmen. General course. Glee Club 1, 2; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Rotary Speech Contest 3; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, sec. 4; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Retrospect scribe.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR
"Rosy" attended Lancaster Central, and then returned to Bluffton for her last two years of high school. In September she will go to International Business College to be a secretary. General course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 3; Cheer Block 3, 4; Thespian 3; G.A.A. 3.

During this year we have been preparing

JERRY THOMPSON
Jerry's hobby seems to be music. He enjoys singing and is especially talented with rhythm sticks. In the future he plans to obtain a factory job. General course. Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4; Art Club 2.

GEORGE TURMAIL
After attending Purdue, George sees work as a canner in his future. He really likes all of those F.F.A. activities, especially the trip through the South. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; Junior play; F.F.A. 4; Wrestling 3; Intramural Basketball 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, president 3.

SAMUEL TILLETT
Here is one more senior who will be enlisting in the armed forces. Sam plans to go into the navy in July and make it his career. He will be a twenty-year man. During the last semester of his junior year he moved to Bluffton from Peru. General course.

PHILLIP TYNDALL
Phil's goal is to be a doctor. He will take pre-med at I. U. Academic course. Retrospect snapshot ed. Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 4; Latin Club 2; Science Club 2; Jr. play; Sr. play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class ath. coun. 4; Basketball 1, mgr. 3, 4; Football 1; Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4, pres. 4; Sr. Rotarian; National Merit Scholarship test 4; Rotary Speech Contest 4.

JOHN ULMER
"Rock" has decided on a career as a veterinarian. Michigan State University is his destination for next fall. Academic course. Retrospect scribe; Comet 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Jr. play; Sr. play; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4, sec. 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Class ath. coun. 2; Basketball mgr. 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Track mgr. 1; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; Sr. Rotarian.

SHIRLEY VAN EMON
This pert little blond will make a cute secretary. This is what she plans to do after commencement. Her plans are not more definite than that, though. Commercial course. Comet 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4.

BEVERLY WEAVER
We find that Bev. collects records and she likes to dance. She intends to get work as a secretary, but she also tells us that she might "settle down" soon. Commercial course. Comet 3, 4; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, treas. 4; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3.

RICHARD UPTGRAFT
It is well known that "Charlis's" hobby is athletics. He plans to attend baseball school in Missouri and then play professionally. He says he thinks that he will miss school next year. General course. Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Rotarian.

KAREN VENIS
Karen will study in the field of home economics at Purdue. She is not absolutely sure just what she wants to specialize in. General course. Retrospect literary editor; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2; Senior play; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, treas. 3; Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2.

PATRICIA WELLS
"Stretch" is her nickname. She says her hobby is having fun—and she does, too. She is going on to school, but hasn't decided where. General course. Cheer Block 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespian 4; Art Club 1, 2, 4, vice-pres. 2, 4; Retrospect scribe 4; Comet 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior play prompter; Y-Teens 2, 3, 4, sec. 4; Band twirler 3, 4.

ourselves for different surroundings. In the days to come,

Senior sponsors, Mr. Pettyjohn, Mrs. Bodkin, Mr. Templin, and Mr. Broman, ably guided the Class of 1956 through its last year.

Senior Officers

Officers for a thrill-packed senior year were: Dave Flowers, president; Dick Schmidt, vice-president; Eleanor Scott, secretary; Dorothy Gass, treasurer; and Phil Tyndall, ath. coun.

whether far or near, we will hold in our hearts

Senior History

The 1955-1956 school year opened with a "bang" for the Seniors. The mighty Tigers were led to an undefeated season by the thirteen senior lettermen. The beginning work on the Retrospect and rehearsals for "Double Door" kept them busy in the fall.

During the Christmas season, the seniors decorated the business district for the Chamber of Commerce.

In the spring they saw their last basketball game, their last pep session, and their last dance as seniors. Amid term papers and final work on the Retrospect the seniors neared graduation.

That last week in May, the seniors listened solemnly to the words of advice given them at Baccalaureate, applauded their classmates on Class Day as awards and scholarships were presented, and last, with mist in their eyes, they turned the tassels and became alumni of B. H. S.

Donnie and Judy.

Stars twinkle over the Junior-Senior Reception.

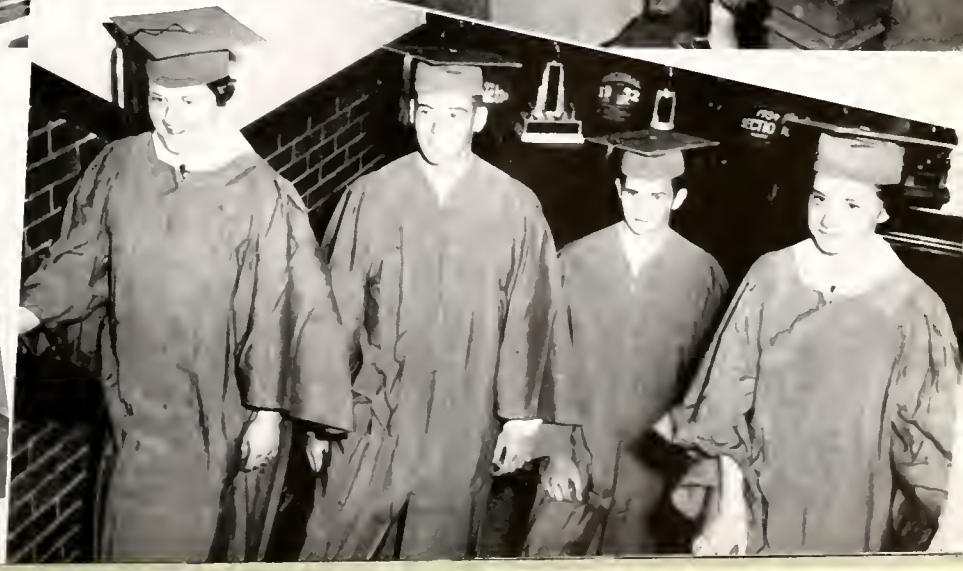
the memories of our high school days.

Seniors eagerly volunteer to answer Mrs. Bodkin's question in English.

Karen Venis and Dick Schmidt rehearse their lines at play practice.

Carolyn Neff and Anita Sheets sell dance tickets to the underclassmen.

Betsy Carnall, George Turmail, Jerry Thompson, and Ann Carnall try on their caps and gowns.



Junior History

The highlight of the juniors' year was the arrival of class rings in September. In order to finance the traditional Junior-Senior Reception, the juniors went on a scrap drive which proved quite profitable. In March, "Time Out for Ginger" showed their acting talent and was very successful.

Junior class officers, Pres., Hook; Sec., Munson; Treas., Betsy Larmore; Vice-Pres., Hammond; and Ath. Coun., P. Van Emon, embark on their class project.

Junior class sponsors, Mr. Bennett, Miss Beitler, Mr. Compton, and Mr. McNown, admire the Sectional bulletin board.

Junior Class Members

ROW 1: D. Arnold, Barwiler, Bates, Carder, Cochran, Creek, Crump, Cupp, Jim Davis, Earhart. ROW 2: J. Edington, Eichhorn, Eisaman, B. Elston, Freese, J. Gavin, S. Gray, Gross, Judy Guthrie, Hammond. ROW 3: E. Hiatt, Hiester, High, Hook, Ingmire, J. Inskeep, Isch, Johnston, Jones, E. Khan.

Class rings, stage production,

ROW 1: S. Keller, Kunkel, Betsy Larmore, B. Leonard, Leimgruber, Liggett, L. Markley, Mason, Melton, Mead. Row 2: Meyer, Milholland, K. Miller, Y. Mittlestedt, M. Moser, Munson, McBride, S. McFarren, P. Pace, D. Park. ROW 3: B. Pence, D. Perry, Pfister, Plummer, J. Poling, R. Poling, Powell, D. Prible, Reeves, Richey.

Junior-Senior reception . . .

ROW 1: Sawyer, C. Schreiber, F. Schreiber, Shafer, Schorey, F. Sliger, M. Snider, Somers, Steele, R. Steury. ROW 2: S. Stout, Swagart, C. Templin, Tewell, Thoma, Turner, Ward, Wasson, R. Wible, Wiley. ROW 3: E. Williams, Janet Williams, Wilson, Worthman, M. Van Emon, P. Van Emon, C. Venis, Zingsheim.

Sophomore History

The sophomores returned last fall "old hands" at this high school business. They joined Hi-Y, Y-Teen, and other organizations and proved their worth by lending a helping hand in the clubs' projects. In December they sold carmel popcorn and jeebo and were very successful.

The record of the jeebo project is being kept by the sophomore class officers: Vice-Pres., R. Cupp; Treas., Helms; Pres., Tangeman; Sec., S. Geels, and Ath. Coun., Wallace.

Miss Powers is assisted by her fellow class sponsors, Mr. Edington, Mr. Woolsey, and Mr. Hoffman.

Hi-Y, Y-Teens, jeebo

ROW 1: Arend, L. Arnold, Bachelor, Bailer, P. Barton, D. Bennett, Bercot, M. Betz, Bierie. ROW 2: C. Booth, B. Bowman, Butler, Campbell, Clark, Cotton, J. Crandall, Creed, R. Cupp. ROW 3: Daniels, E. Davis, Egly, Fair, Farling, Flynn, Foster, J. Franze, Frauhiger. ROW 4: Fulton, S. Geels, Gehrett, E. Gelow, S. Gerber, Gibson, Gilgen, Jerry Gregg, Grimes.

ROW 1: Haifley, J. Hammond, Hankins, Hasinbiller, Heller, Helms, Henry, J. Hiatt, M. Higgins. ROW 2: J. Holloway, S. Holloway, Hoffacker, Hunter, Bill Inskeep, Johnson, M. Keller, Kistler, Kiser, ROW 3: P. Kneuss, Krill, D. Lenoard, Liby, Lusk, D. Markley, Marsh, Maxson, Mettler. ROW 4: Micklitsch, B. Miller, L. Miller, J. Mittlestedt, Murray, Piety, J. Petzel, H. Perry, E. Perry.

and crackerjack, being settled . . .

ROW 1: Pearson, W. Rehbein, J. Reiff, S. Ross, R. Rothgeb, L. Rush, Settle, N. Shady, Shaw. ROW 2: Sills, M. Smekens, V. Snider, Spade, Springer, E. Steffen, L. Steffen, B. Steury, B. Stout, D. Sutton, Sult, Tangeman, G. Taylor, Judy Thompson, Tudor, C. Tuttle, C. Ulmer, Vore. ROW 4: D. Wallace, S. Wible, Jane Williams, Wolfcale, B. Young.

Freshman History

The green freshmen entered the halls of B. H. S., their home for the next four years, with pep and energy which was exhibited in their support of the magazine campaign and their enthusiasm in backing the Tigers. Latin, biology, and algebra kept the frosh busy studying through the year.

Frosh officers pose in front of school. Pres., Moon, Vice-Pres., Sprunger, Sec., Aeschliman, Ath. Coun., Reiff, and Treas., Rudy.

Freshmen sponsors, Mrs. Elsmere, and Mr. Ulmer, discuss the license plate project. Not pictured, Mr. Larmore.

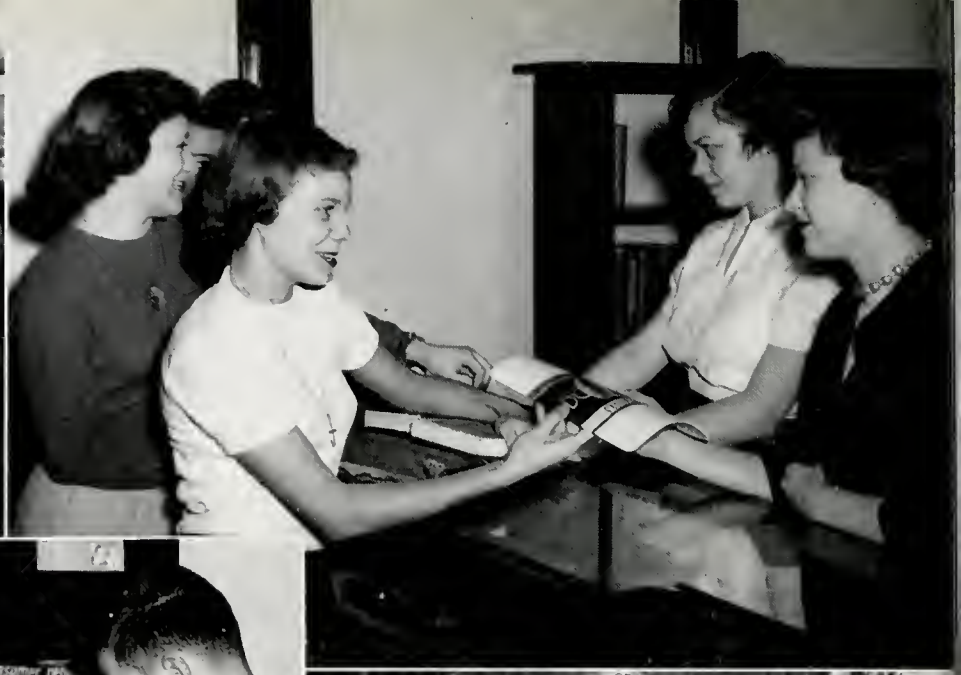
Wrong rooms, strange halls, new

ROW 1: Aschliman, M. Alberson, Allen, B. Barton, J. Barton, Baumgartner, Baylog, J. Beer. ROW 2: B. Bennett, F. Betz, J. Betz, Boren, Borror, J. Brown, Bulger, Cary. ROW 3: J. Carnall, Carr, Clanin, Clowser, Costello, B. Crandall, Culp, Judy Davis. ROW 4: Davison, Decker, Dentel, D. Doran, N. Edington, Fetters, A. Flowers, R. Flowers, Fuller.

ROW 1: R. Gavin, R. Geels, Geisel, B. Gerber, V. Gerber, Gilliom, G. Gray, Jan Guthrie. ROW 2: Harris, Hathaway, Helblig, Heyerly, M. Hill, Hite, Kaehr, Knowles. ROW 3: Bill Larmore, P. Lockwood, J. Markley, K. Markley, N. Markley, Masterson, Milby, Monroe. ROW 4: Moon, C. Moser, L. Myers, L. McFarren, Nicholson, Noonan, D. Pence, J. Perry, N. Petzel.

activities, and selling license plates . . . these are the

ROW 1: Phillabaum, S. Prible, Quinones, Redding, Reed, R. Reiff, P. Rehbein, Rice, ROW 2: S. Romine, M. Ross, Rothgeb, Rudy, Satterfield, Schenkel, P. Scott, T. Shady. ROW 3: Sharp, L. Sheets, C. Sliger, W. Snider, Sowards, Sprunger, Strain, Stuck, ROW 4: R. Taylor, Traeger, B. Turmail, T. Tuttle, D. Ulmer, Walter, G. Wells, B. Williams, E. Young.



memories of our underclassmen.

Janet Fetters and Becky Crandall dash in as the bell rings—late as usual.

Shirley Geels makes a purchase from Sue Helms as Bette Kistler helps Carolyn Clark.

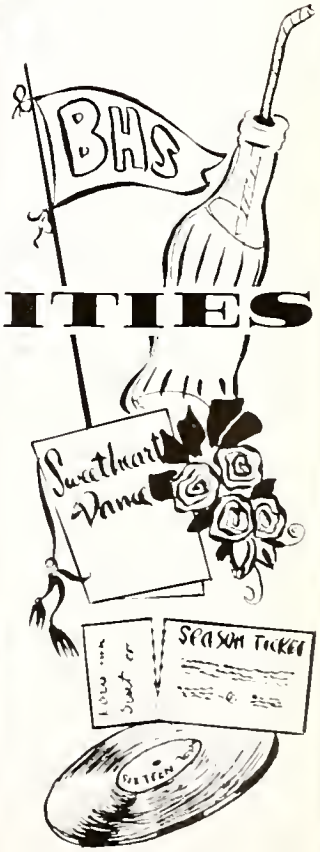
Shirley Van Emon and Ben King look at magazines in the library.

"Cats of B. H. S."—Fitzpatrick, Brower, Uptgraft, D. Flowers, D. Lockwood, J. Geels.

Between-class break

Gab session before the bell, Lusk, Farling, Richey, J. Meyer.

ACTIVITIES



Dorothy Gass explains the subscription blanks to Phyllis Dorrance and Gerald Schaefer.

Literary editors, E. Scott, Maddux, K. Venis, B. Carnall, go over their copy.

Retrospect

As the Retrospect grew page by page, the staff found that publishing a year book was no simple matter. This book had to recall memories of the 1955-1956 school year—now as well as twenty years from now. The word "deadline" became a dreaded word in the staff's vocabulary.

Here is the finished product. The 1956 Retrospect staff hopes you will enjoy this record of your "Moments to Remember."

Deadlines, snaps, effort, and patience . . .

STANDING: N. Holloway, Neff, S. L. Myers, D. Flowers, Emshwiller, Rhodes, Tyndall, B. Carnall, Mrs. Elsmere, Gass. SEATED: Fitzpatrick, K. Venis, Maddux, E. Scott.

STANDING: Hill, Schmidt, Sheets, Neuenschwander, Crosbie, Hall, Turmail, Romine, Wells, Schaefer, Stogdill. SEATED: Dorrance, Elston, Ulmer, Burroughs.

Editorials, jokes, interviews, and news . . .

Comet

"Comets out this morning; have your nickels ready!" This familiar announcement heralds the news that another issue of the "Comet" is coming. The "Comet" is our school paper. It closely records student and faculty life in Bluffton High School. It gives us news of school events and of community events that will affect students. It encourages understanding and co-operation among students, faculty, and friends of the school.

Becky Johnston is editor-in-chief, Beverly Mead heads the business staff, and Mr. Park is the sponsor.

Advisor Park helps Editor Johnston.
Business Manager Mead Distributes "Comets" to sellers, Stout, Sheets, Judy Guthrie, and S. Geels.

EDITORIAL STAFF—1ST ROW: K. Grove, D. Higgins, Fitzpatrick, Burroughs, J. Ulmer, M. Elston, Tyndall; 2ND ROW: Betsy Larmore, N. Bowman, C. Venis, Stogdill, R. Taylor, L. Brown, Maddux; 3RD ROW: Neff, Munson, Isch, B. Carnall, Rhodes.

BUSINESS STAFF—1ST ROW: Worthman, Santon, E. Kneuss, Eichhorn, Thoma, P. Wells, S. Van Emon, Sheets; 2ND ROW: Mason, Leimgruber, J. Meyer, Sawyer, Judy Guthrie, Stout, Bev. Weaver, Bev. Inskeep, T. Milholland; 3rd row: S. Myers, Croy, Gross, Alberson, J. Geels, Emshwiller, Brower, Gass.

BUSINESS STAFF—1ST ROW: Neuenschwander, Richey, C. Schreiber, D. Wiley; 2nd row: K. Venis, Ben King, C. Templin.

Band

The Bluffton High School band had a busy and rewarding year. They provided music and entertainment at the football and basketball games, performed in the Annual Street Fair parades, gave concerts, and furnished music for convocations. They entered various music contests where they consistently placed high. Bluffton was host for the first time to the District Band and Chorus Contest on March 24.

Concerts, pressed trousers, sweet music,

ROW 1: S. L. Myers, J. Thompson, Petzel, Templin, Worthman, Thoma. ROW 2: Emshwiller, B. Mittlestedt, B. Pence, Eisaman, Milholland, E. Scott, Rhodes, N. Shady, J. Carnall. ROW 3: Redding, Mason, S. Romine, Earhart, Gass, Settle, Munson, Hunter, Tyndall, Bowman, Park, Tangeman, Grimes. ROW 4: P. Barton, Nicholson, Fetters, Cotton, Hoffacker, L. Steffen, Plummer, T. Snider, Bachelor, V. Snider, B. Franze. ROW 5: Ward, Sawyer, Monroe, Schaefer, M. Moser, Mr. Schlatter, Director. Not Pictured, Lesh, Cupp, Bulger.

Vocal Department

The annual Christmas Cantata was the highlight of the vocal department's school year. It was a successful and colorful event. The boys' and girls' choruses also presented a variety of programs for different organizations in Bluffton.

practice, Christmas programs, and choir robes . . .

Miss Conwell directs both Girls' and Boys' Glee Clubs.

ROW 1: Jerry Thompson, Maxson, D. Park, P. Van Emon, D. Higgins. ROW 2: C. Moser, Cochran, M. Moser, E. Kahn.

ROW 1: Miss Conwell, Deming, C. McFarren, Leimgruber, L. Brown, Clowser, S. McFarren, M. Van Emon. ROW 2: J. Romine, Powell, Zingsheim, B. Carnall, R. Taylor, Marshman, Weaver, J. Markley. ROW 3: M. Higgins, A. Carnall, Spencer, E. Kneuss, Jones, August, N. Bowman, Judy Davis, Pfister, G. Taylor.

Maddux interrupts family argument. Motz, M. Elston, Maddux.

A week-end in the country—with rain. M. Elston, Maddux, E. Kneuss, Rhodes, M. Geels, J. Ulmer, G. Turmail, Schmidt, Emshwiller.

Make up, lights, costumes, butterflies,

A stone house with some Revolutionary War history, no running water, a swarm of invading insects, and a slow moving handyman formed the plot of "George Washington Slept Here." This three act comedy was given by the class of 1956 in their junior year.

The cast, under the expert direction of Mr. McNown, gave the audience many laughs, much enjoyment, and made the play a huge success!

Cast

STANDING: Marshall, J. Ulmer, G. Turmail, R. Ross, Tyndall, Rhodes, Schmidt, Brower, J. Emshwiller, McNown. SITTING: M. Geels, Motz, B. Carnall, M. Elston, Maddux, Neff, E. Kneuss, S. L. Myers.

"My pearls! My pearls! says Elston, while servants, S. L. Myers, K. Venis, Rhodes, and J. Ulmer, look on.

Tyndall, B. Carnall, J. Emshwiller, and Fitzpatrick revive Santon.

curtain calls, rehearsals, and cues . . .

Cast

KNEELING: Mr. McNown, Jack Ulmer. SITTING: E. Scott, B. Carnall, M. Elston, Crosbie. STANDING: K. Venis, S. L. Myers, Rhodes, Fitzpatrick, Santon, Emshwiller, Tyndall, Schmidt, J. Geels.

The stately, second floor living room of the Van Brett mansion was the setting of the Senior class play entitled "Double Door."

The rule of Victoria Van Brett's iron hand together with her possessive attitude towards a strand of heirloom pearls made this mystery one that will long be remembered.

When the curtain fell, the class of 1956 brought to a close a short, but successful, acting career.

Thespian Society

The Thespian Society encourages interest in dramatics and gives students an opportunity to actively participate in dramatic presentations.

A student who wishes to become a Thespian must serve as an understudy until he collects eleven points through acting and helping stage plays.

The Thespian Society is a growing organization. It is well known in Bluffton High School and also in the Bluffton community.

Jim Davis explains the lights to understudies; Eisaman, Y. Mittlestedt, Leimgruber, Johnston, W. Hammond, Gross, B. Lenoard, J. Gavin.

Thespians A. Sheets, Crosbie, and Santon dramatize for P. Wells, Burroughs, Dorrance, Riggle, Maddux, K. Venis, M. Elston, N. Holloway. STANDING: J. Ulmer, Emshwiller, Stogdill, Neff, Gass, Rhodes.

Pres. Tyndall explains the point card to understudies, Ward, R. Steury, D. Park, P. Van Emon, Shafer, Tyndall. ROW 2: Wiley, Thoma, Worthman, C. Templin, S. Stout, Munson, Not Pictured, Eichhorn, C. Venis, and K. Santon.

Thespian officers look over play books. S. L. Myers, Mr. McNown, E. Scott, B. Carnall, Tyndall.

Skits, point cards, and formal initiation . . .

Hi-Y

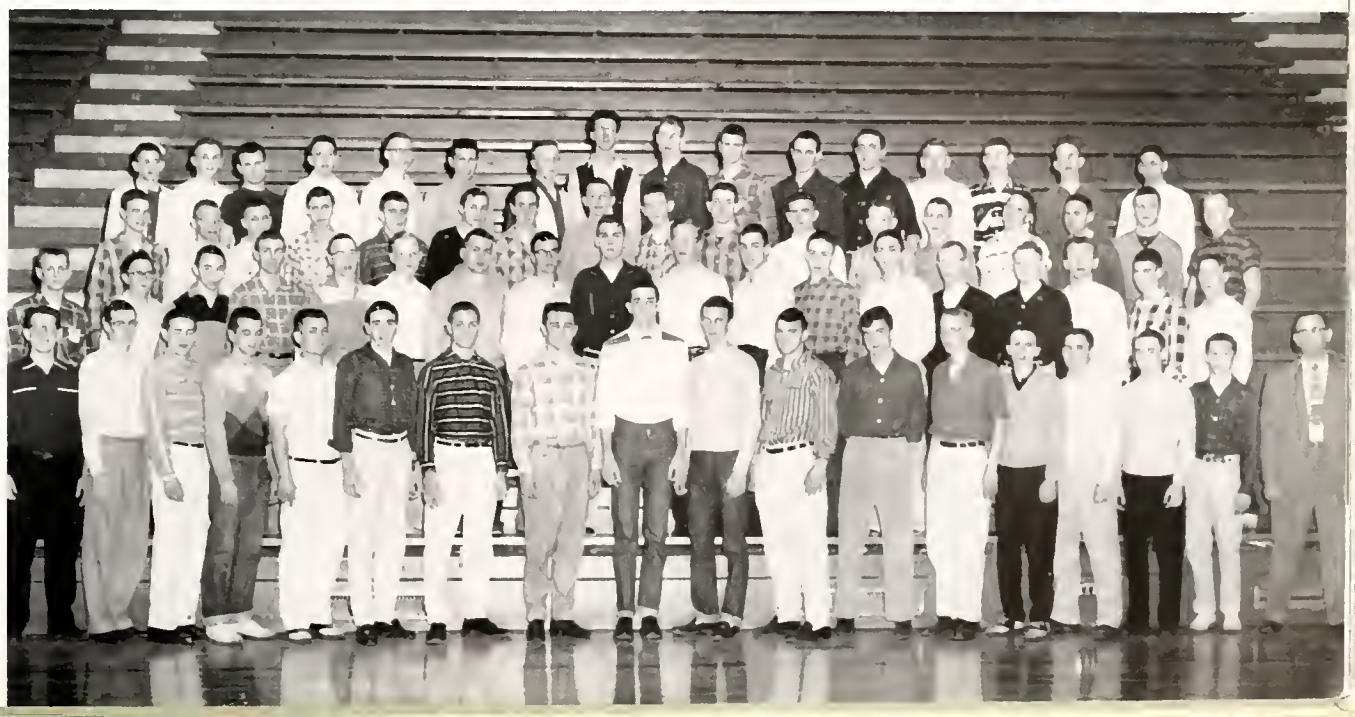
The largest group of new members was brought into Hi-Y to begin the year. Activities of the Hi-Y included a Dad's Night, delivering Christmas Baskets to needy families, putting up the Christmas tree, and the traditional Hi-Y Best Girl Banquet. A new activity, which was a great success this year, was a bowling night. The Hi-Y also contributed to the Million Penny Fund and World Service. All in all, the Hi-Y members had an interesting and successful year.

Hi-Y sellers—J. Liby, Hall, Emshwiller, Shafer, R. Steury, Kunkel.

HI-Y officers talk with Mr Ulmer. STANDING: Schmidt, W. Hammond, Fitzpatrick, Emshwiller, D. D. Lockwood, J. Ulmer.

ROW 1: Fitzpatrick, D. Lockwood, Emshwiller, D. Higgins, Ben King, W. Hammond, J. Geels, Grove, Wasson, Hall, A. Scott, Osborn, Huss, J. Ulmer, Schmidt, Tyndall, B. Steury, Mr. Ulmer. ROW 2: High, Krill, J. Smekens, F. Booth, Grimes, E. Gelow, T. Snider, B. Elston, B. Cupp, Cochran, Rhodes, Hook, Wallace, Jim Davis, F. Schreiber, R. Steury, P. Van Emon, Somers. ROW 3: D. Lenoard, Shaw, Liby, Kiser, D. Park, Reeves, J. Edington, Murray, N. Shady, Bierie, Maxson, Mettler, R. Cupp, J. Gavin, M. Smekens, Tewell, Steele, ROW 4: P. Kneuss, Fair, Creed, Butler, J. Petzel, Cotton, Bachelor, Shafer, Tangeman, Inskeep, Henry, Kunkel, Bates, D. Prible, Turner, M. Moser.

basketball concessions, Christmas tree, and Best Girl Banquet.



Y-Teens

In the fall of 1955, thirty new members were initiated boosting the Y-Teen membership to 130—the largest organization in the school.

The club went into full swing with a Best-Beau Banquet, the selling of peanut brittle, and Christmas cards. Our last event, the annual Mother's Day Tea, brought down the curtain on a memorable year.

ROW 1: S. Keller, Kneuss, B. Inskeep, S. L. Myers, Maddux, Crosbie, N. Holloway, S. Van Emon, Kistler. ROW 2: Spade, J. Crandall, Clark, Helms, Frauhiger, Marsh, L. Miller, Micklitsch, S. McFarren. ROW 3: S. Johnson, M. VanEmon, Jane Williams, Farling, Arend, Sult, Haifley, Daniels, G. Taylor.

ROW 1: Janet Williams, Isch, B. Larmore, Pfister, Lusk, Gerber, Neuenschwander, S. Geels. ROW 2: Croy, Thoma, Gross, Dorrance, B. Leonard, Sheets, Swagart, Milton. ROW 3: C. Venis, V. Snider, Johnston, Mead, Eichhorn, Earhart, August, N. Bowman.

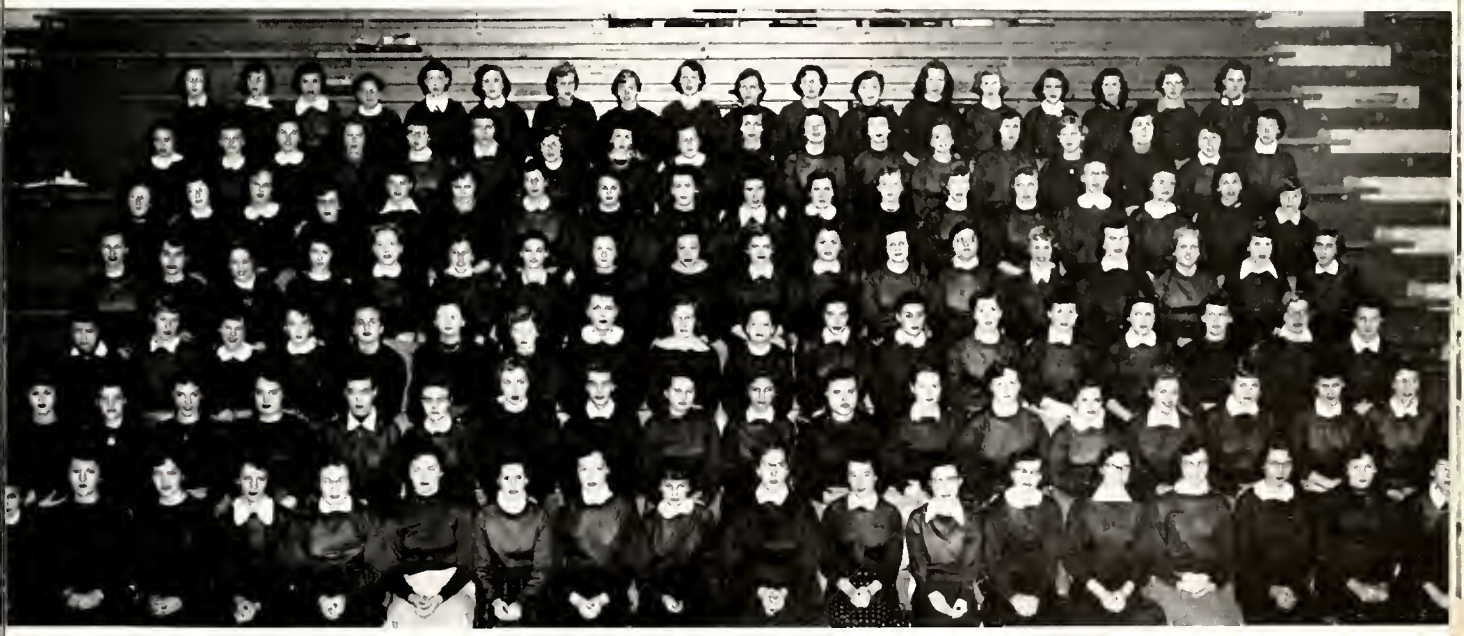
ROW 1: Weaver, R. Taylor, D. Alberson, C. McFarren, Hill, Marshman, M. Elston, S. Ross. ROW 2: J. Romine, B. Penrod, K. Venis, Carnall, B. Miller, M. Higgins, P. Wells. ROW 3; Smeltzer, Riggle, Sprowl, Stogdill, L. Brown, Burroughs, Santon, Deming. ROW 4: Richey, Wiley, Stout, J. Wilson, Zingsheim, Schreiber, Powell, Leimgruber.

Peanut brittle sales, hospital tray favors . . .

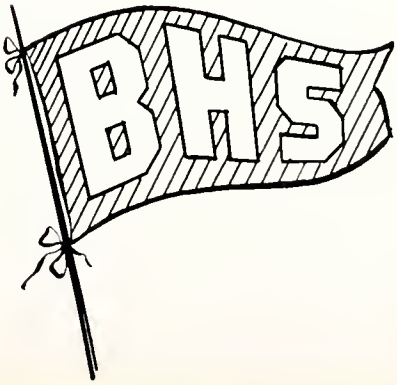
ROW 1: Judy Guthrie, Mason, Settle, Mrs. Crownover, Templin, Neff. ROW 2: E. Scott, Gass, Milholland, Eisaman, Crump, Barwiler. ROW 3: Munson, Sawyer, Meyer, Y. Mittlestedt, Ward, J. Thompson.

Y-Teen council listens as Wilson gives the financial report. Neff, Stogdill, Wilson, Marshman, Mrs. Crownover.

Hospital favors are made by Y-Teen girls, Earhart, S. Stout, A. Carnall, D. Perry, Bev Inskeep, Clark.



saggy jerseys, exhausted lungs, and letter formations . . .



The Bluffton Tigers had an unfailing source of energy and enthusiasm in the Cheer Block. One hundred thirty-two girls—seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen—united as one group to cheer the Tigers on to victory. The Cheer Block featured new yells, old yells, and just yelling!

"Adsum" Vergile, and Latin Banquet

STANDING: P. Kneuss, Maxson, Fair, Murray, Kistler, Grimes, Hall, Micklitsch, R. Cupp, S. Geels, Tangeman, Mettler, L. Miller, Hasinbiller, quaestor, Elston, praetor, Henry, Santon, Wallace, Farling, Bachelor, Marsh, scriba, Mrs. Bodkin, V. Snider, Cotton, tribunus plebis, Rhodes, consul, N. Shady, Shaw, E. Gelow. SITTING: C. Ulmer, J. Crandall, B. Steury, Frauhiger, Helms, Clark, Judy Thompson, M. Higgins.

The Latin Club is organized to develop a better understanding of the way the Romans lived. At the monthly meetings, Latin games, both fun and educational, are played.

In February, the members, dressed in togas, enjoyed a banquet complete with Roman food, slaves, and wrestling for entertainment.

book markers, check slips and bulletin board capers . . .

The Student Librarians render valuable service to our school by helping in the library. Their clever bulletin boards add color and humor to the halls of B. H. S. They went on a field trip in the spring to the campus of Ball State.

Marsh, Isch, Hasinbiller, V. Snider, Mrs. Christian, Marshman, Mead.

remodeling Leroy, streamers, paints, and brushes.

P. Wells, Vice Pres.; B. Arnold; Marsh, Sec.; Hunter, Treas.; B. Penrod; Rush; W. Snider; Holloway, Pres.; Mrs. Wallace, Sponsor.

The art club considers its name "The Dabblers" quite appropriate! They take part in many activities and can always be counted on to wield a wicked brush. The Dabblers ask nothing better than to be able to use their talents in furthering the celebration of a holiday or athletic event.

tractors plows, horses and cattle . . .

The highlight of the F.F.A. year was their trip last fall through Kentucky and Tennessee. Many funny experiences are remembered from this trip. They received practical experience as well as funds for their treasury from the F.F.A. farm.

ROW 1 (SITTING): D. Pence, reporter, Schenkel, Captain, vice-pres., Creek, pres., Bercot, sec., Baumgartner, Egly, treas. ROW 2: Mr. Woolsey, Krinn, I. Beer, G. Gray, Costello, Alexander, Bill Inskeep, Geisel. ROW 3: Traeger, K. Inskeep, Foreman, G. Turmail, Hinesley, Christianson, L. Scott, D. Prible.

scholarly achievements, the flaming torch.

National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society is the highest honor a student can receive in high school. Scholarship, character, leadership and service are stressed.

ROW 1: Schmidt, Tyndall, Johnston, Holloway, Burroughs. ROW 2: E Hiatt, S. L. Myers, Sheets, Gass, E. Scott. ROW 3: Carnall, M. Elston, Mead, Emshwiller, Miss Powers, Sponsor. ROW 4: D. Flowers, Wasson, Fitzpatrick, Hammond, Rhodes.

reward for hard work, supper at six,

Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll is an honorary journalism society. Its purpose is to maintain high ideals in school publications. Top "Comet" and "Retrospect" student journalists are eligible for membership.

Mrs. Elsmere, Sponsor, Carnall, Maddux, E. Scott, Rhodes, Johnston, S. L. Myers, Gass, Mead.

penny fund, magazine sales, Tiger decals,

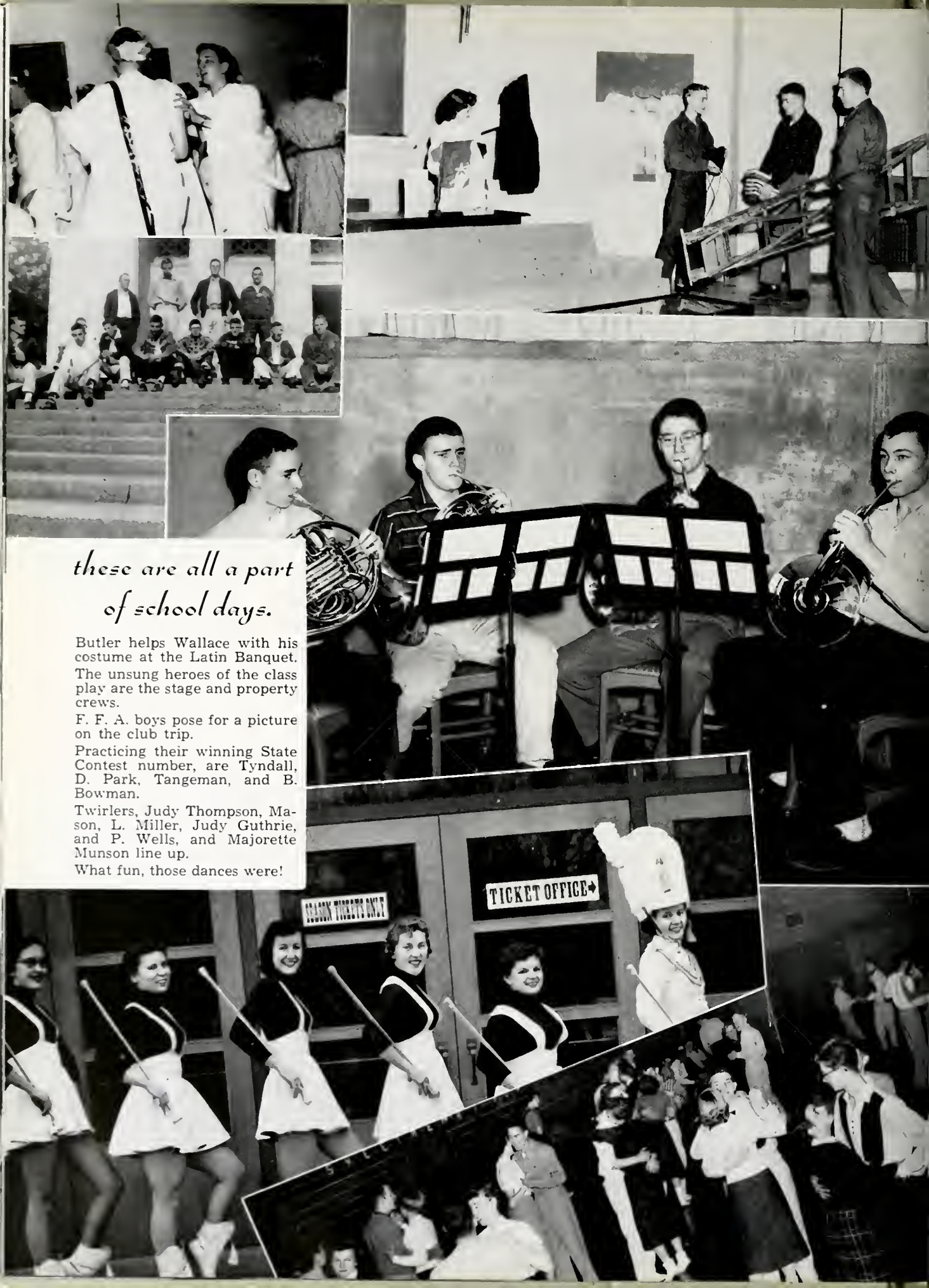
Student Council

The Student Council is an active group of elected students who represent the entire student body. The organization discusses and settles problems which arise in the school. The Student Council reached its goal in the Million Penny Fund campaign this year.

Tyndall, Lockwood, Fitzpatrick, Holloway, Neff, sec.-treas., Schaefer, Schmidt, pres., Flowers, and Rhodes prepare for the magazine campaign.

Student Council members help advertise their product. Shafer, D. Ulmer, R. Geels, B. Crandall, Worthman, Hook, High, I. Beer, Heller, Foreman.

They also have "penny roundups." R. Cupp, Eichhorn, Tangeman, Johnston, Murray, B. Stout, Wasson, Moon.



these are all a part of school days.

Butler helps Wallace with his costume at the Latin Banquet.

The unsung heroes of the class play are the stage and property crews.

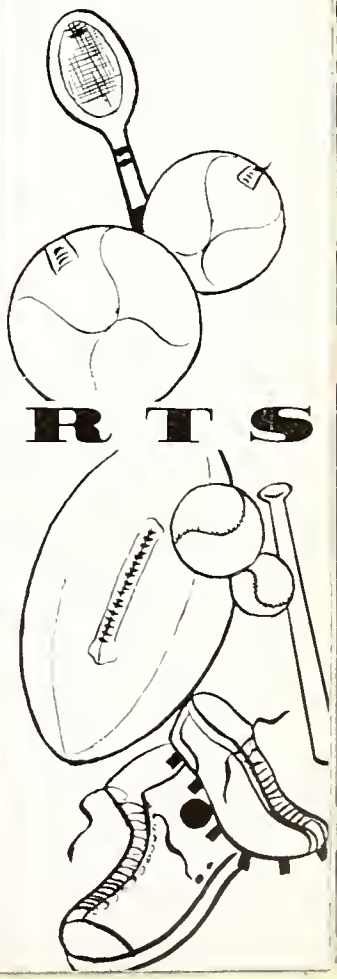
F. F. A. boys pose for a picture on the club trip.

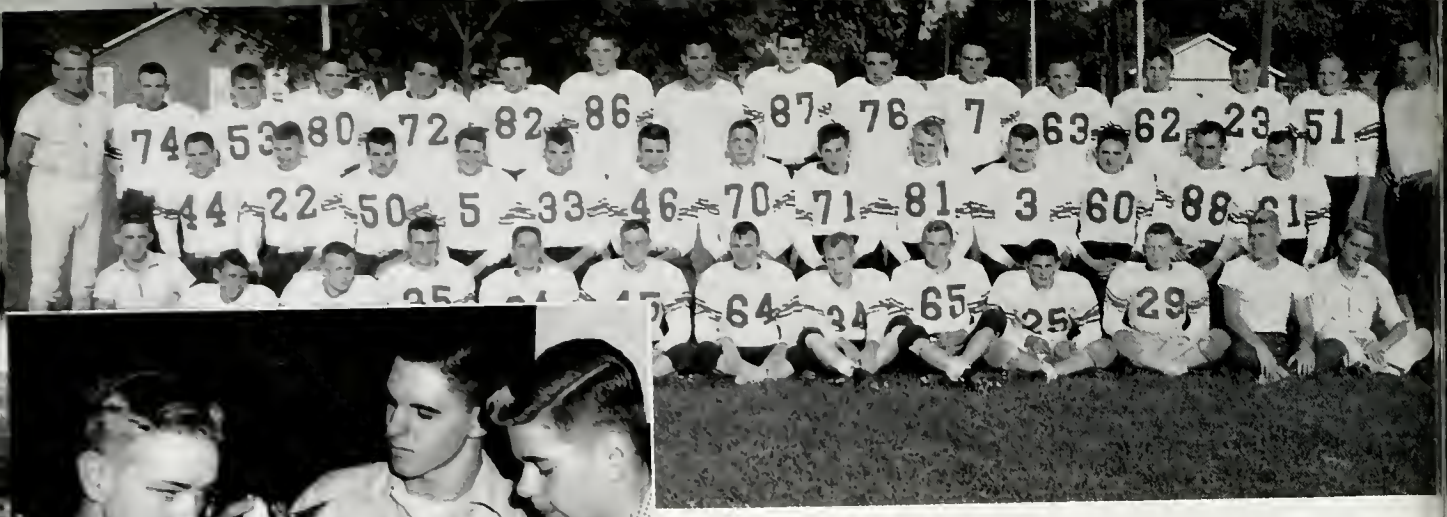
Practicing their winning State Contest number, are Tyndall, D. Park, Tangeman, and B. Bowman.

Twirlers, Judy Thompson, Mason, L. Miller, Judy Guthrie, and P. Wells, and Majorette Munson line up.

What fun, those dances were!

SPORTS





ROW 1: D. Creek, B. Steury, J. Petzel, H. Creed, Somers, Heller, B. Elston, Jim Davis, Fair, P. Kneuss, Mettler, Bates, Huss. ROW 2: Schmidt, Uptgraft, D. Higgins, Fitzpatrick, A. Scott, Grove, J. Geels, D. Ross, Flowers, Newell, Emshwiller, Brower, V. Kahn. ROW 3: Mr. Larmore, Plummer, Park, Hook, Bierie, Hammond, Tangeman, Mr. Hoffman, Wasson, Kunkel, Henry, Bachelor, R. Steury, Tewell, Steele, Mr. Jacks.

Managers Huss, Creek, and Bates polishing our newly-won trophies.

Win after win led us to our

Coaches Mr. Jacks and Mr. Hoffman examining new equipment.

Football

The grid men of Bluffton High, under Coach Hoffman, came through with the magic word "undefeated" attached to their record. This is the first Bluffton High School football team to have a record of 8 wins, no defeats, and 1 tie.

In conference play the Tigers finished in a first place tie with Concordia, each team having achieved a 5-0 record. Selected for the conference first team were linemen Dave Flowers and Virgil Kahn and fullback Allan Scott. Bluffton's Dick Uptgraft was named to the second team backfield. Receiving honorable mention for line play were Joe Emshwiller and Dick Ross.

Frosh footballers gaze up at the varsity picture in the gym. ROW 1: B. Barton, J. Carnall, Moon, Borror, T. Tuttle, N. Edington. ROW 2: Bill Larmore, Stuck, C. Moser, Rice.

undefeated N. E. I. C. championship.

Freshman coach, Brinson, and manager D. Reiff, talk before going out to the field.

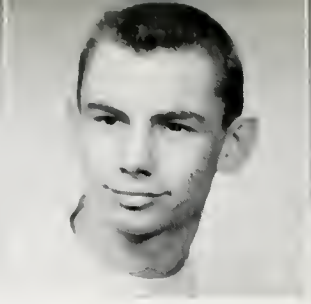
Jack Ulmer reports to the loud speaker while "Herb" watches the play anxiously.

Tewell receives last minute instructions before entering the game.

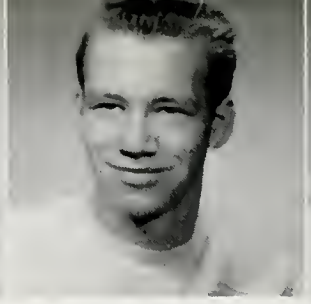
The undefeated NEIC champions celebrate!

Larry Bachelor
football

Gene Bierie
football

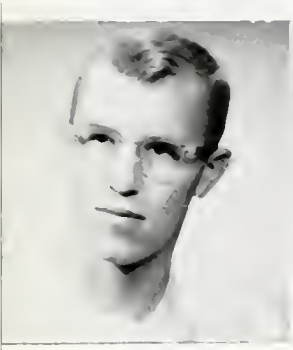


Jay Brower
football

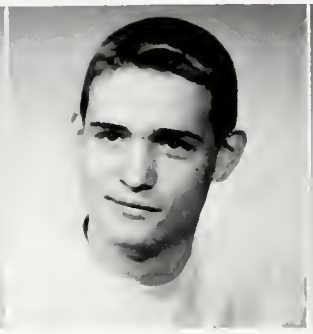


Jerry Christianson
wrestling

Dave Creek
track

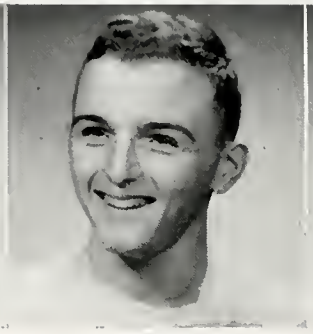


Jim Davis
baseball, football



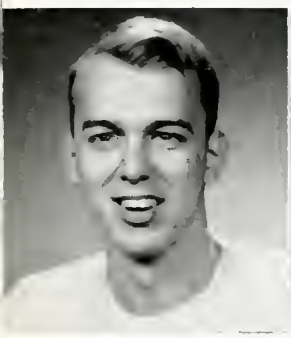
Joe Emshwiller
football

Bob Elston
football



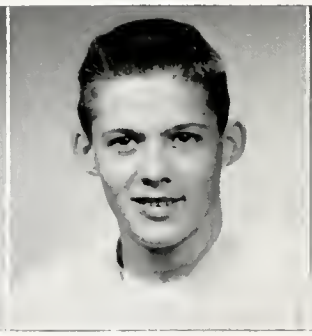
Bill Fair
wrestling

Jack Fitzpatrick
football, basketbal

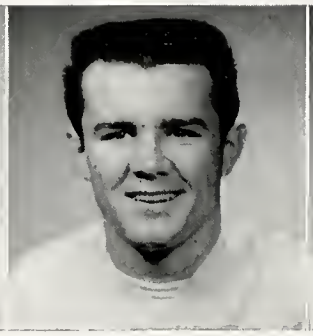


Dave Flowers
baseball, track, football,
basketball

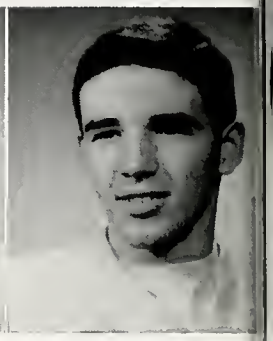
Jim Geels
football



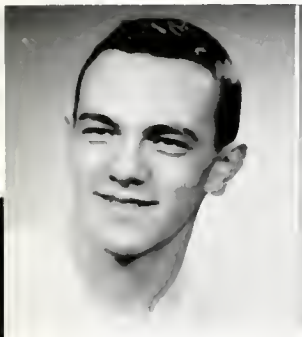
Jack Gregg
baseball



Keith Grove
track, football, basketball

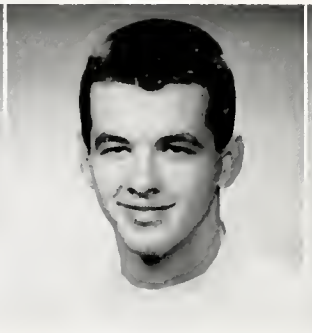


Wade Hammond
track, football, basketb



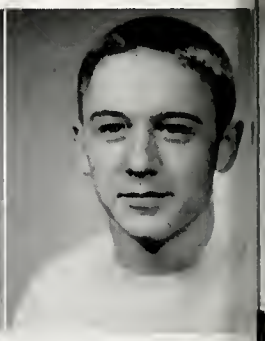
Bob Henry
football

Denny High
wrestling



Don Higgins
football

Steve Hinesley
basketball



Jerry Hook
track, football

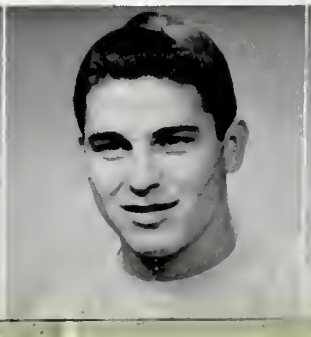
Jack Huss
ootball student manager

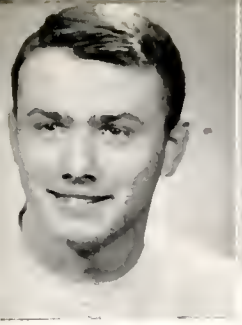
Virgil Kahn
football, wrestling

Larry Kunkel
football

Dick Lautzenheiser
baseball

Don Lockwood
baseball, basketball





Steve Newell
football

Don Park
football

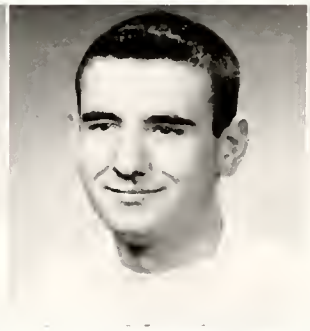
Tom Plummer
football, wrestling

Don Reeves
baseball student manager

Dick Ross
football, wrestling

Dick Schmidt
ck, baseball, football

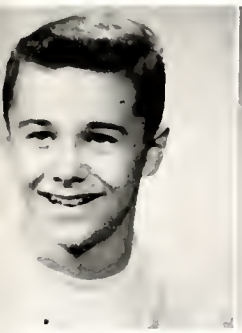
Allan Scott
football, track



Larry Scott
basketball

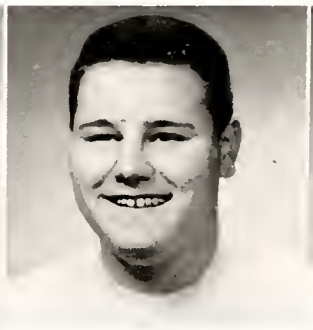
Dave Somers
football, wrestling

Junior Steele
football

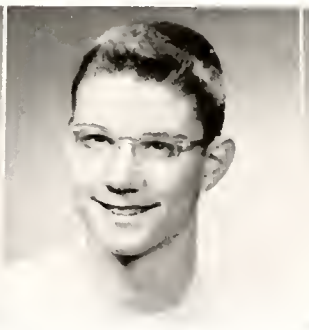


Bill Steury
wrestling

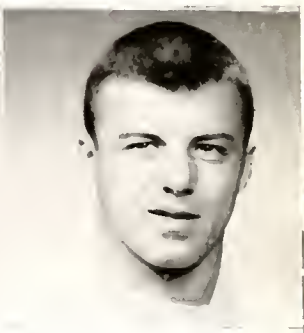
Rudy Steury
football



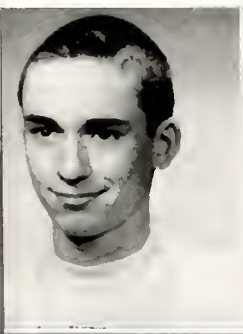
Lester Steffen
wrestling student manager

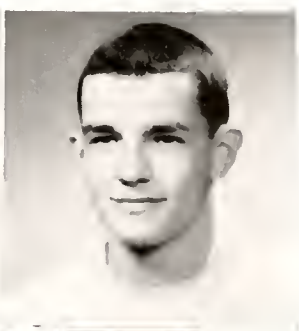


Tom Tangeman
basketball



Bill Tewell
baseball, football, basketball





Phil Tyndall
basketball student manager

Jack Ulmer
basketball student manager

Dick Uptgraft
baseball, track, football, basketball

Ted Wasson
baseball, basketball, football

Our peppy yell leaders, Dort Worthman, Pat Thoma, Betty Lenoard, and Ben King tell those Tigers "to beat 'em!"

The jubilant Tigers "relax" after taking the sectional.
KNEELING: Mr. Compton, Grove, D. Lockwood, D. Flowers, Uptgraft, Park. STANDING: Tangeman, Tyndall, W. Hammond, L. Scott, Tewell, J. Ulmer, Fitzpatrick, Wasson, Mr. Brinson.

Tiger hoopsters led us through a

Basketball

The Bluffton Tigers ended another fine season of basketball under the leadership of Coach Compton. They won 15 games and lost 9 games.

The Tigers became Sectional champs for the third straight year. They defeated Liberty Center and Lancaster to win the sectional. The Tiger defeat of Lancaster in the tournament finals marked Coach Compton's 100th victory as a Bluffton High School basketball coach.

Clear Creek (Huntington county) defeated the Tigers in an overtime game at the Marion Regional.

Student managers, Tyndall, Park, J. Ulmer, are busy cleaning balls. Do they always work that hard?

Coach Compton checks the practice procedure with Mr. Brinson
ROW 1: Gibson, P. Kneuss, Mettler, Bill Inskeep, Creed, Bierie, Jim Davis, Steele, R. Cupp, D. Lenoard.
ROW 2: Bachelor, Murray, Hook, Henry, B. Bowman, Wallace, Reeves, Heller, S. Holloway, Mr. Brinson.

Freshman basketball helps develop fundamental skills. ROW 1: Monroe, N. Edington, Noonan, J. Carnall, T. Tuttle, Rice, Hite, Moon. ROW 2: Davison, Doran, B. Barton, Stuck, Sowards, Geisel, Hathaway, Mr. Hoffman.

The 1955-1956 basketball team helps Mr. Compton celebrate his 100th victory as Tiger mentor.

successful season including a sectional championship . . .

Frosh managers, C. Moser and D. Reiff, and yell leader, R. Geels, look forward to the Sectional Tourney. Not pictured J. Bulger

Lockwood shoots from the corner while Tangeman and Wasson tense for the rebound.

Flowers has the ball at the tip of his fingers as he goes for the basket.

Wasson drives through Ossian opposition to the goal.

Charlie beats it out for a hit.

Game scores:	Bluffton	Opponent
Portland	11	12
New Haven	3	5
Columbia City	13	2
Concordia	4	3
Kendallville	6	5
Columbia City	9	5
Decatur	6	2
New Haven	5	14
Concordia	2	3
Decatur	4	6

Home runs, curve balls,

Baseball

The battling Tigers fought to a 5 win 5 loss record and a third place in the conference. The Tigers, loaded with underclassmen, had to rely on natural ability and fighting spirit. The ability and spirit of the team and Coach Compton brought them through the first half of the season with flying colors.

The Tigers placed 4 players on the N.E.I.C. —Conference team. These were Dick Uptgraft, catcher; Dave Flowers, pitcher; Don Lockwood, outfielder; and Jerry Randall, infielder.

KNEELING: Schmidt, Tewell, Jack Gregg, Emshwiller, Kunkel, Bowman, D. Lenoard, Steele, Lautzenheiser. STANDING: Rhodes, Murray, Uptgraft, Lockwood, Randall, Flowers, Wasson, B. Lusk, E. Higgins, Jim Davis, Reeves, Mr. Compton.

"Scottie" breaks the string but "Schmity" is close behind.

With up and over, Charlie captures another first for B.H.S.

high jumps, and hurdles are a part of our spring sports . . .

Track

The Bluffton Tiger Thinclads of 1955, under Coach Hoffman, compiled a reputable 6 win 3 loss record. The thinclads placed fourth in the conference and third in the sectional meet.

Allan Scott, Tiger sprinter, set a new school and sectional record running the 220-yd. dash in 22.6 seconds. The relay team composed of Jerry Randall, Joe Creek, Dave Creek, and Bob Ulmer broke the school and the Wilson Field mile relay record with a 3:39.4 mile.

ROW 1: Uptgraft, Schmidt, Emshwiller, Creed, Somers, Park. ROW 2: Cochran, Fair, Newell, Hook, Grove, J. Geels, Henry, D. Creek, B. Ulmer, A. Scott. ROW 3: L. Sliger, Bierie, Heller, Hammond, J. Creek, B. Lusk, Harter, Randall, Flowers, Tangeman, Bachelor, Mr. Jacks, Mr. Hoffman.

Emshwiller shoots a foul shot as his championship team looks on. B. Franze, F. Booth, M. Smekens, Newell, Brower, D. Prible, Campbell, B. Elston.

Mr. Edington and Mr. Templin keep the score straight.

Mr. Bennett checks off B. Young as Harness and D. Prible wait their turn.

Intramural captains, Jack Gregg, J. Ulmer, Schmidt, I. Beer, and Emshwiller, listen to fellow captain Deam's woeful tale.

Championship basketball for 10c a ticket . . .

Intramural Basketball

As always, intramural basketball was one of the favorite activities of the student body. Emshwiller's team came home with top honors as he led his team to an undefeated season.

In the last game of the season the teams of Emshwiller and Gregg combined to score 99 points. This was the highest number of points ever scored in one intramural game at Bluffton.

Wrestling Team

ROW 1 (SITTING): B. Steury, P. Van Emon, High, Shaw, V. Kahn, Butler, Schorey, Somers. ROW 2 (STANDING): Mr. Jacks, Christianson, R. Ross, Kunkel, T. Snider, Fair, Plummer, L. Steffen.

our new major sports increase in popularity.

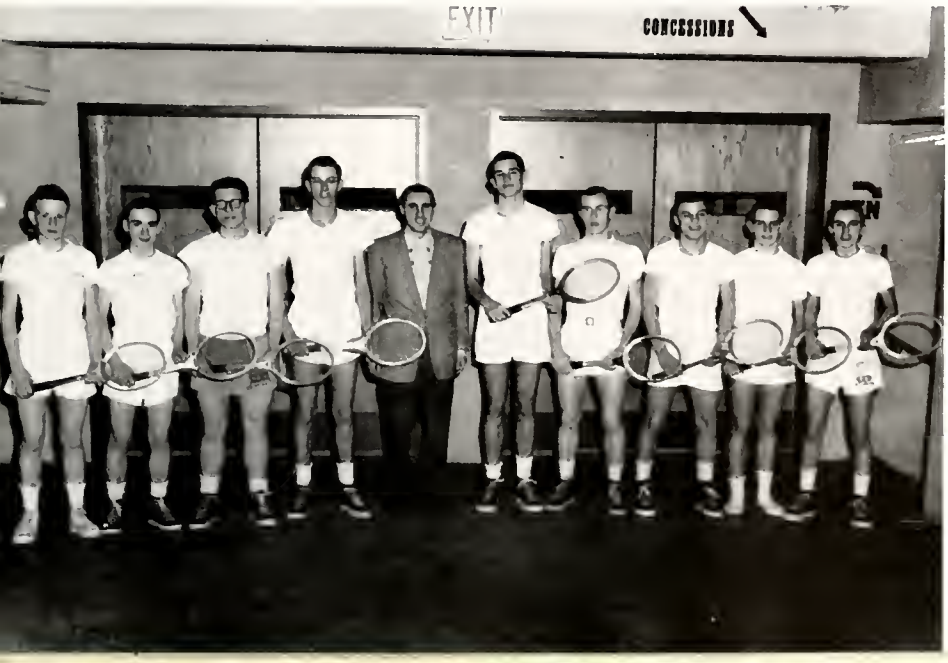
Wrestling

The 1955-1956 edition of the Bluffton High School wrestling team turned in a fine season in its first year as a major sport. The Tigers sent a full team to the sectional tournament. Bill Steury, in the 95 pound class, placed for the State Meet.

Tennis

The addition of tennis as a major sport in the Bluffton High School athletic program was due to the fine showing of the tiger netmen in 1955.

The veteran club of juniors and sophomores had their first winning season, eight wins and two losses, since tennis was re-established at Bluffton High in 1951.



Tennis Team

Mettler, Tyndall, Fitzpatrick, Hinesley, Mr. Kaufman, Wasson, Jim Davis, Tewell, R. Cupp, J. Ulmer.

Girl's Athletic Association

The Girls' Athletic Association, under the leadership of Miss Beitler, met each Friday and participated in softball, basketball, volleyball, and tumbling. On Wednesday, bowling was an added recreational feature.

G.A.A. is open to all girls. Awards

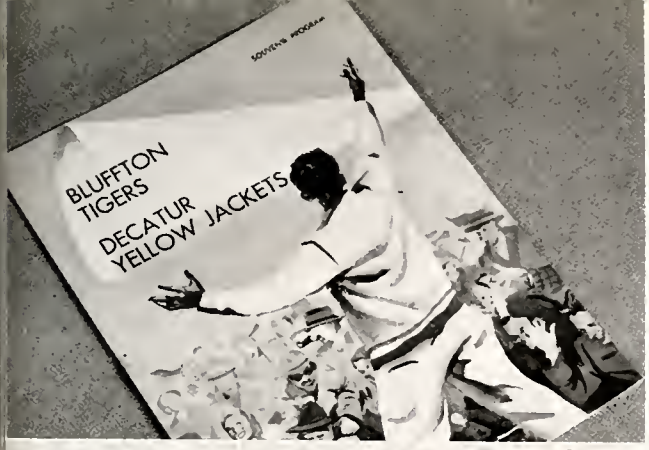
play days, volley ball, pyramids.

are given each spring to those individuals who have met the requirements established by the I.H.S.A.A. These requirements include participation, health, grade eligibility, and sportsmanship. Members are considered active as long as they participate and pay annual dues; however, they are not initiated until they have earned 50 points.

Vice-president Thoma assists Treasurer Munson while President Worthman and Secretary V. Snider look on.

G. A. A. girls play for all their worth.

ROW 1 (SITTING): McBride, D. Arnold, Worthman, D. Arnold, Worthman, Thoma, V. Snider, Munson, Maddux, B. Lenoard, Mead, Templin. ROW 2 (KNEELING): Boren, Marsh, Micklitsch, Rudy, Y. Mittlestedt, Sult, Daniels, L. Miller, B. Turmail, J. Holloway, Judy Thompson. ROW 3 (STANDING): Miss Beitler, M. Hill, S. Prible, D. Ulmer, S. Sawyer, Milholland, Eisaman, P. Rehbein, Sills, Settle, P. Scott.



B. H. S. Calendar

Sept. 6—The opening of this school year with all its activities will give the students many wonderful moments to remember!

Oct. 31—B.H.S. closed its doors to school work as the whole student body celebrated the undefeated football season with a program, entertainment, cake and ice cream.

Nov. 5—The Reformed Church basement decorated in the theme of "Harvest Moon" was the stage of the Y-Teen Banquet.

Nov. 11—The seniors brought their high school acting career to a successful conclusion by presenting the drama, "Double Door."

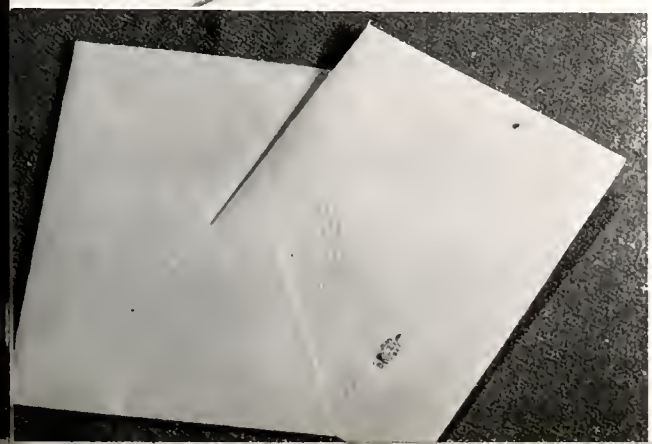
Dec. 11—The Christmas scene was brought alive in music when the glee club presented its annual cantata.

Dec. 28—Bluffton was host and also captured the trophy at the Holiday Tourney.

Feb. 21—The Halls of B.H.S. became a Roman banquet hall during the Latin Banquet.

Feb. 25—The Tigers came through to become sectional champs once again.

When we no more roam the halls of B. H. S., but go



Feb. 29—Remember the birthday party for our twelve year old principal?

March 9—The juniors embarked on their acting career when they presented the hilarious comedy, "Time Out for Ginger."

April 27—Crowning of the "Blossomtime Queen" was the colorful conclusion to the annual Hi-Y "Best Girl" banquet.

May 4—Y-Teen members entertained their mothers at a formal tea.

May 18—The seniors were guests of the juniors at a gala banquet. Local organizations sponsored the post-banquet party held till dawn.

May 20—Baccalaureate services added a solemn note to the final week of senior activities.

May 21—The athletes of B.H.S. were given recognition at the annual awards party at the State Forest.

May 22—Recognition, awards and scholarships were given Bluffton's outstanding students for scholastic ability.

May 23—Ninety proud seniors received their diplomas at the conclusion of a memorable Commencement ceremony.

our separate ways, looking back on high school years,

The 1956 Retrospect staff wishes to show their appreciation to those who have made this book a reality. To the administration and faculty of Bluffton High School go our thanks for advice and cooperation. We also thank Tom Broom and the Fort Wayne Engraving Company, the Berne Witness Printing Company, Mr. Jack K. Bundy and the S. K. Smith Cover Company, and Bill, Bob, and Jim for their service and helpful advice.

1956 Sectional Champs—Nice goin', guys!

On your mark! Get ready! Set! Go!

Tangeman goes in for a layup.

An enthusiastic crowd cheers the Tigers on to an undefeated season.

we'll have "these Moments to Remember".

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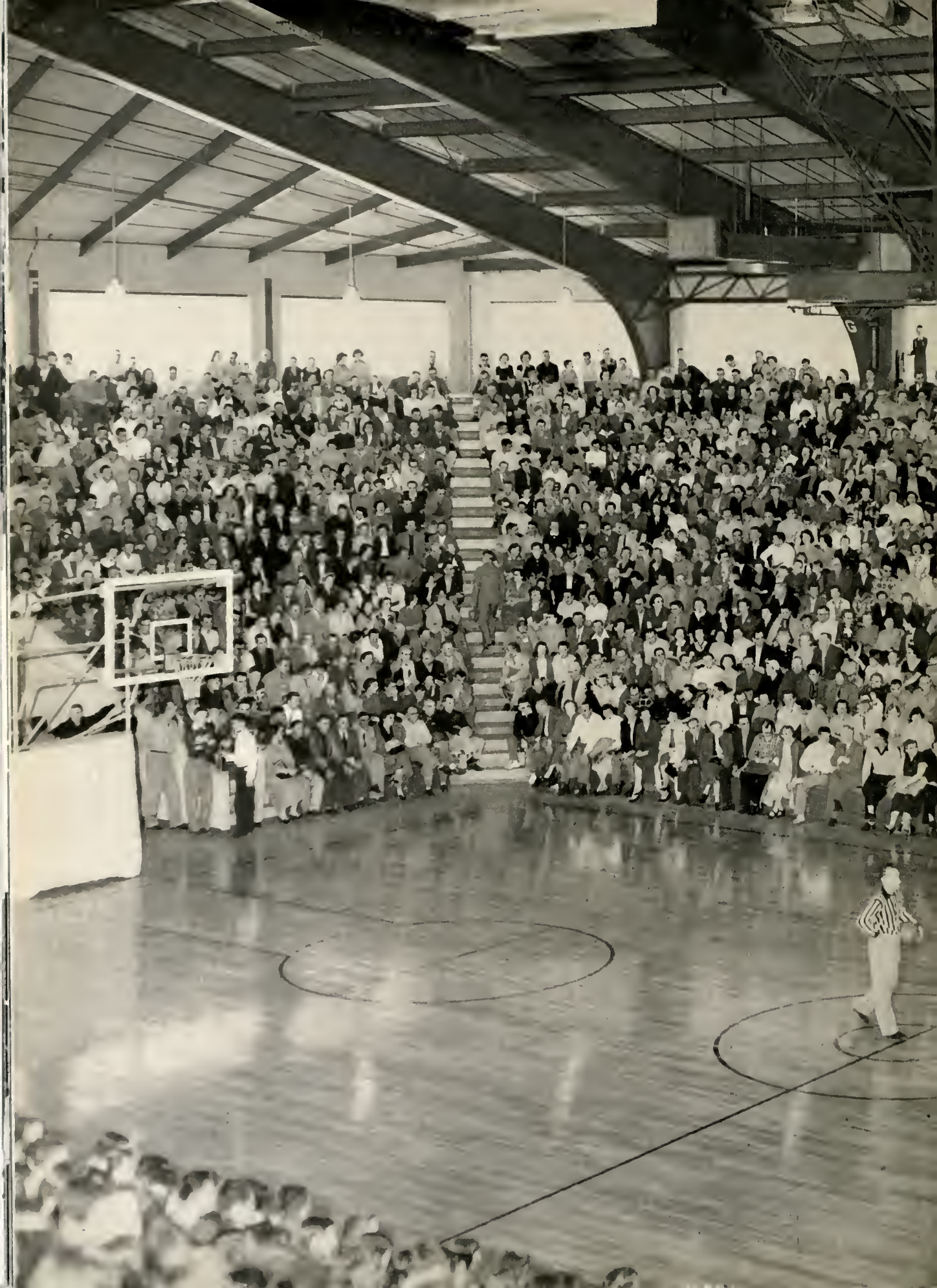

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